

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Additions are shown underlined and deletions are shown in ~~[[double brackets]]~~ or as ~~stricken through~~. The paragraph numbers referenced below refer to the application's publication (U.S. Publication No. 2008/0060657), as the application as filed did not include paragraph numbers.

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

In one embodiment, ~~The present invention comprises a nasal cannula is (2),~~ shaped to fit within a user's nares, ~~where the nasal cannula includes at least one prong (24, 25) allowing high flow delivery of humidified gases and creates positive airway pressure in the patient's airway. The prongs have angled ends (31, 32), such that in use, gases flowing through the prongs are directed to the user's nasal passages. The nasal cannula body is partially swivelling and preferably has a ball joint connector (37, 39). In another embodiment the nasal cannula may have at least one flared end prong (31, 32) that preferably seals within a patient's nare.~~

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] FIG. 14 is a side cross-sectional view of a fifth embodiment of the nasal cannula of the present invention ~~including a shield that protects an outlet vent from inlet gases~~ where the connection between a body part and connector of the cannula includes a plurality of channels.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following amended paragraph:

[0037] FIG. 16 is a side cross-sectional view of a sixth embodiment of the nasal cannula of the present invention ~~where the connection between a body part and connector of the cannula includes a plurality of channels~~ including a shield that protects an outlet vent from inlet gases.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] To provide additional comfort for the user or ensure the nasal cannula of the present invention do not fall from a user's nares, the nasal cannula may be used in combination with a headgear strap, which in one embodiment is a small flexible tube. For example, FIG. 1

shows a headgear strap 40 extending from the nasal cannula 2. The ends of the headgear strap that attach to the cannula may attach to extensions (or loops) 41 on the body part 22 of the cannula shown in FIG. 2, or may attach about other appropriate areas of the cannula, for example, about the connector 23.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] The body 45 of the cannula 42 is provided with a number of apertures 46 48 that allows for gases exhaled by the users to be expelled into the ambient air.

Please replace paragraph [0069] with the following amended paragraph:

[0069] In FIGS. 14 and 15 only a body part 82 and ball jointed connector 83 are shown. The body part 82 and ball jointed connector 83 join in a manner as described above, where the substantially half sphere shaped end 84 of the body part 82 receives the substantially half sphere shaped end 85 of the connector 83. The ends 84, 85 enable a rotation between the body part 82 and connector 83. In this embodiment two channels 86 87 are formed in the connector end 85. Two channels are shown in this embodiment but there may be only one or any number of channels. Similarly, channels may be formed in the body part end 84.

Please replace paragraph [0074] with the following amended paragraph:

[0074] In other forms the ends of the headgear strap that attach to the cannula may attach to extensions (or loops) 41 on the body part 22 of the cannula shown in FIG. 6, or may attach about other appropriate areas of the cannula, for example, about the connector 23.